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7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

56 SOW NKP

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388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2
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I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I, II AND V: NO CEASEFIRE INCIDENTS REPORTED AUGUST 29-31.

B. MR III: ON AUGUST 29, FRIENDLY COMPANY CLASHED WITH PL/NVA COMPANY 9 KM WEST/NORTHWEST OF DONG HENE. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. ON SAME DAY, 9 KM NORTHEAST OF DONG HENE, FRIENDLY COMPANY REPORTED SPORADIC MINOR SKIRMISHES WITH ENEMY COMPANY. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

C. MR IV: MINOR ENEMY ATTACK TOOK PLACE 8 KM SOUTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE ON AUGUST 27. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

D. RLAF FLEW ZERO COMBAT SORTIES DURING PERIOD AUGUST 29-31.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE, THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING AUGUST 30 "STUDIED THE DIFFERENT POINTS OF DIVERGENCE CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT POLITICAL AND MILITARY PROTOCOLS." REPORTEDLY, ALL PERSONS PRESENT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH LPF WOULD CONTINUE SO A FINAL AGREEMENT ON PEACE AND NATIONAL UNITY COULD BE ACHIEVED.

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B. LPF PLENIPOTENTIARY PHOUMI VONGVICHIT RETURNED TODAY, AUGUST 31, FROM LUANG PRABANG. HE REPORTEDLY PLANNED TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THIS AFTERNOON.

C. RLG CHIEF NEGOTIATOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN, IN AN INTERVIEW ACCORDED TO SIENG SERI AUGUST 31, STATED THAT FORWARD PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS "DEPENDS UPON THE PRIME MINISTER." THE NEWSPAPER ENDED WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT "FOR THE MOMENT

THERE IS NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT WAIT," WHICH IS WHAT EVERYONE
IN LAOS IS DOING.

D. THIS CONCLUDES SUBMISSION OF OUR "DAILY" SITREPS, WHICH,
PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS, ARE BEING DISCONTINUED.
HENCEFORTH, WE WILL SUBMIT WEEKLY SITREPS ON THURSDAYS TO
ALL ADDRESSEES.
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